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1. Prior to June 1950, 800 to 1,000 infantrymen were quartered in a barracks installation, consisting of eight three-story buildings each about 30 meters long, on the western perimeter of Loetzen (R 55/A 59), west of the canal between Loewentin Lake and Mauer Lake, and north of the Loetzen-Rastenburg (R 55/A 29) highway. Three small buildings were under construction in the rear of the billeting area. The soldiers were 20 to 22 years old and wore brownish-green uniforms with red triangular collar patches, with a dark braid on the upper side, on which yellow insignia were superimposed. Most of the EM wore field caps, but a few had visor-type caps with a red ribbon.
2. On May Day 1950, two infantry battalions of three companies each assembled in Grunwaldzka Square (formerly Markt) for a military ceremony. Each battalion was led by a major on horseback. Each company consisted of 2 or 3 ranks of 4 EM each with submachine guns slung across their chests, followed by 24 ranks of 4 EM each who carried rifles without fixed bayonets over their right shoulders. No machine guns or other weapons were observed. All soldiers wore visor-type caps with a red band, and red triangular collar patches. Some of the NCOs wore war decorations. No other troops were observed in the square during the ceremony. A red flag with a large embroidered garland of golden leaves and, in its upper left corner, a golden hammer and sickle emblem, was presented to the unit in the name of Soviet Marshal Rokossovski.
3. About 200 trucks, apparently new 5-ton ZISs, were parked southwest of Loetzen, south of the railroad line to Rastenburg, and west of the road to Rhein (R 54/A 37), from April to June 1950. Troops were housed in a wooden shed near the vehicle park.
4. The UB (Security Police) district headquarters was in a four-story building on the south side of the main road to Rastenburg, east of the canal.
5. The barracks installation, which was 100 to 150 meters west of the canal, housed a spare parts depot and an office of the National Agricultural Administration which lent tractors, trucks, and farm machinery to farmers in the district of Loetzen. The office was established in Loetzen in 1946 and employed about 800 people.
6. No Soviet soldiers were observed in Loetzen.

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